

Cowgirls defeat Scott City, 49-43

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COLBY — Good books and movies have positive endings. The heroine suffers difficulties, but prevails in the end. So it was for the Cowgirls Thursday night in the first round of Colby's Orange and Black Classic.

The Goodland girls (7-2) struggled to escape Scott City (4-5), but prevailed with a surge at the very end to win 49-43.

After opening with a strong first quarter, Goodland slipped behind through much of the second and third quarters and on into the fourth.

With 2:37 left in the third, Cowgirl Cody Pettibone found Jayci Stone for a 12-footer, then Stone found Kendra Brack on the baseline for a 4-0 Cowgirl run. The run tied the game at 35 as the third period ended.

Scott City answered with a 4-0 run to open the fourth. The teams exchanged runs through the middle of the fourth, with Goodland was a one-point loser in the contest.

Then Stone scored on a fast-break layup, followed by Cowgirl Lacey Brenner's steal. Pettibone turned the steal into an Ashley Hallagin layup, giving the Cowgirls a 44-43 lead.

Pettibone was called for pushing Scott City's Stephanie Crist, but Crist missed her bonus free throw.

Scott City committed three straight fouls, two of which resulted in Jara McKee buckets from Hallagin. Goodland led by five, 48-43, with 34.4 seconds left.

onds left. Brenner put the final touch on Goodland's victory with a free throw.

"I'm glad we came back to win," Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood said. "We got our heads up, played with confidence and control. And our defense played well. That's been lacking."

Stone paced the Cowgirls with 15 points and seven rebounds. Pettibone scored nine points and dished out four assists. Hallagin had nine points, five steals and three assists. McKee scored seven points. Brenner scored five points and had five blocked shots. Brack scored four points. Erica Mann had five rebounds.

Crist (16) and Megan Richmeier (12) were both in double figures for the Beavers. Kristin Campbell had nine rebounds.

The win left Goodland 2-0 against possible sub-state opponents and it broke a two-game losing streak. The Cowgirls lost to Scott City in the semi-final round of last year's tournament.

Cowgirls will play Beloit at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) today in the Colby Community Building. The match is a repeat of last year's third-place game, which the Cowgirls lost. Beloit beat McCook, Neb., 47-37, in the opening round.

Today's winner advances to the championship at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Community Building while the loser plays for third at 3 p.m. at Colby High's gym.



Goodland's Aaron Gittinger battled for the ball with Phil Simaneau from Hays High during the first round Thursday of the Orange and Black Classic in Colby. The Cowboys found themselves on the losing end, 61-39, against the 5A team.

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Cowboyslose to Hays, face Ulysses today

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COLBY — The Goodland Cowboys benefited from a temporary miracle Thursday, although the boys' effort had a lot to do with it. But the miracle didn't last nearly long enough to give Goodland a win.

Class 4A Goodland (3-6) got off to a horrible start against Class 5A Hays High (7-1) in the Orange and Black Classic's first round, but the Cowboys recovered to take the lead at the end of the first quarter. It was just a momentary glitch, however. Bigger and stronger, Hays prevailed 61-39.

Goodland opened down 8-1 on a bunch of turnovers. Then Matt Mentzer, Luke Stone, Jeremy Stefan and Mentzer again scored straight buckets. The 8-0 run gave Goodland a 9-8 lead. The Cowboys were patient on offense. "We knew we couldn't afford to run and gun with these guys," Coach Jon McLean said. "We had to be patient on offense and play good defense."

Hays' Ryan Montgomery scored inside to get back the lead, but Goodland answered. Mentzer followed Andrew Melia's miss, then Nate Thompson found Melia for a 15-footer. Goodland was up by three, 13-10 with 35.5 left in the first quarter.

Hays' Marcus Watts cut Goodland's

lead to two at the end of the first quarter on a pair of free throws, then Hays took the lead in the second quarter on consecutive buckets.

Goodland tied the game at 20 with 4:17 left in the half on Stefan's 5-0 run on passes from Thompson and Stone.

Then Hays' Chris McGowne scored twice and Watts turned a steal into a layup to lead by six. Cowboy Kris Rubio's trey cut the lead in half, but Hays surged ahead again.

The closest Goodland got again was within four points, 29-25, with 51.9 seconds left in the half when Thompson hit from 15 feet.

Hays made adjustments at half, taking advantage of their superior size and quickness, and began to take the game.

"We didn't get breaks in the second half," McLean said. "Our shots didn't fall and we didn't get rebounds. They are a tremendous defensive team."

Hays is a very good team. If the Cowboys play the rest of the time as they did against the Indians, McLean is optimistic about their future.

"I was pretty pleased by our performance tonight," he said.

Stone paced Cowboy scorers with nine points. Mentzer had eight points and seven rebounds. Stefan scored seven. Thompson had four points and four assists. Rubio scored three, Adam McCoy and Aaron Gittinger two each.

McGowne led Hays with 18 points and six rebounds. Watts had nine points and eight assists.

Goodland meets Ulysses at 4:15 (Mountain Time) today at Colby High's gym in the consolation semifinals. Ulysses fell to McCook, Neb., 61-52 in the opening round. The winner plays in the consolation championship at 1 p.m. Saturday at the high school gym while the loser plays in the seventh-place game at 11 a.m. at the Community Building.

Bulldogs lose, 65-62

The Brewster Bulldogs led by six going into the final quarter of their game against the Derby Panthers on Thursday, but fell short, 65-62, in the first round of the Tournament of Champions in Dodge City.

The Bulldogs will face the Indians from Medicine Lodge at 1 p.m. today (Mountain Time) in the second round of the tournament. The Indians lost to the Pioneers of Wichita West, 66-50 in their first game.

If the Bulldogs defeat the Indians, they will play for fourth place against the winner of the Newton-Dodge City game at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Silver Spur Convention Center in Dodge City. If Brewster loses, they will face the loser at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Bulldogs, from a tiny Class 1A school, outscored the Class 6A Panthers in the first and third quarters to lead 53-46 heading into the final period. The 'Dawgs held a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter and held on

against a Panther run in the second to lead, 34-33, at half-time.

The boys turned it up again in the third period, outscoring the Panthers 19-13 to lead by seven, but Brewster had trouble hitting from the field in the final quarter. The 'Dawgs found themselves outscored, 19-9, and lost by three points.

Three of Brewster's starters were in double figures, with Jay Reid leading with 23 points. Brett Arnberger had 18 and P.J. Crumbaker had 10. Other scoring for the Bulldogs came from Clint Horined, 6, and Justin Jamison, 5.

Brewster was outrebounced by the Panthers at both ends of the court, with the Panthers getting 32 to 17 for the Bulldogs. The Panthers got 11 offensive rebounds to 4 for the Bulldogs, and Derby had 21 defensive rebounds to 13 for Brewster.

The Panthers also hit from the three-point mark, making 50 percent (5 of 10) of their shots while the Bulldogs could only hit 18.2 percent (2 of 11).

Naming rights sought by Invesco

DENVER (AP) — Invesco Funds Group Inc. remains interested in purchasing the naming rights to the new Denver Broncos stadium, company officials said.

Rich Healey, senior vice president of marketing for the Denver-based company, on Wednesday said Invesco has been talking with the Metropolitan Football Stadium District and the Broncos about naming the facility "Invesco Stadium" or "Invesco-Mile High Stadium."

AT&T Broadband talked with stadium officials last fall and is still discussing sponsorship possibilities other than attaching its name to the stadium, company spokesman Steve Lang said.

Discussions with all potential bidders collapsed Oct. 31. Tim Romani, executive director of the stadium district board, blamed Mayor Wellington Webb for spooking bidders when he publicly campaigned to keep the Mile High name.

Stadium officials have said naming rights could sell for up to \$89 million,

which would reduce taxpayers' 75 percent share of the \$400 million facility.

The stadium district wants to resolve the issue by Jan. 28.

A meeting is planned Monday after a Wednesday session was canceled because of bad weather.

area results

By The Associated Press
Thursday night:
BOYS SCORES
Beloit 64, Colby 54
Derby 65, Brewster 62
Hays 61, Goodland 39
McCook, Neb. 61, Ulysses 52
GIRLS SCORES
Alliance, Neb. 70, Ulysses 30
Beloit 47, McCook, Neb. 37
Colby 62, Liberal 57
Goodland 49, Scott City 43
Oakley 62, LaCrosse 36

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Jan. 10, 2001
Silver Bullets over 69'ers 14-2
Batteries Not Included over What Ever 12-4
Lounge Lizards over Eight More 11-5
Refuse to Lose over White Stallions 16-0

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